

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 55-63 are pending in the application.

Claims 55-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Legall et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,005,565 (hereinafter "Legall"), in view of Lortz U.S. Patent No. 6,349,410 (hereinafter "Lortz").

Summary of Applicants' Reply

Applicants have amended claims 55, 58 and 61 to more particularly define the subject matter of the claimed invention. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the specification. No new subject matter has been added. Applicants' independent claims 55, 58 and 61 include, *inter alia*, features that were previously defined by respective dependent claims 56, 59 and 62. Applicants have therefore canceled claims 56, 59 and 62.

The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants' Reply to the Office Action's Rejection Over Legall in View of Lortz

The Office Action rejects claims 55-63 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Legall in view of Lortz. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' independent claims are all directed to a history feature that includes at least two types of resources, both of which were selected by a user, such as a program guide display having data from a program guide database, and a web site from the Internet. Applicants have amended claims 55, 58 and 61 to make clear that applicants' history feature is not simply a single-resource forward and backward feature that may be used to access sequentially, for example, previously-accessed web sites in a specified order. Instead, applicants' claimed history list allows the user to select in any order any resource from an inter-resource history list that includes all resources accessed. The selected resource is then provided in response to the user selecting the resource.

It appears from the Office action that the Examiner expresses the view that Legall discloses a single-resource "history" list (Office Action, page 3). The Office Action refers to two features for this proposition: (1) Legall's recent button; and (2) "forward or back buttons" (Office Action, page 3). However, neither the recent button nor a forward button nor a back button is described by Legall. Consequently, there is no basis for concluding what the Examiner's illusory forward or back button provides for, nor is there any basis for concluding how the undescribed recent button behaves. The Examiner appears to consider that the recent button

allows the user to access a list of recently accessed web sites, but this is merely speculation.

Furthermore, the Office action acknowledges that even Legall's features do not allow users to navigate between a web site and a program guide display, and attempts to fill this gap with Lortz. Applicants respectfully submit that the Legall-Lortz combination fails to make a prima facie case of obviousness because it does not show or suggest all of applicants' claimed features.

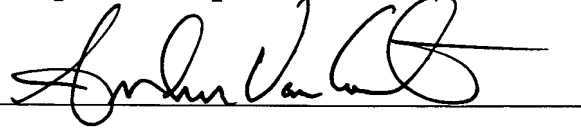
Neither Legall nor Lortz, alone or in combination, discloses applicants' feature of "allowing a user to select in any order any resource from the history list." Giving a user the ability to select any of the previously-accessed resources in any order is the essence of applicants' history list, and distinguishes applicants' history list from other user interface elements such as Lortz's backward and forward buttons.¹ With Lortz's buttons, the user may only access a previously-accessed web site in sequential order. Lortz does not provide for the ability to pick a web site out of order. There is no discussion in Legall or Lortz of the user having the ability to select previously-accessed resources of different types in any order from a history list that includes all resources accessed.

¹ Applicants have amended the independent claims to recite that any one of the three different resources may be selected "in any order" to promote prosecution.

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In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that claims 55, 57-58, 60-61 and 63 be considered and allowed. Reconsideration and allowance of this case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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